



Panorama of the Earth taken from a V-2 rocket fired from White Sands, New Mexico, on July 26, 1948. The area shown is approximately 2 million km², photographed from an altitude of 100 km. The V-2 rockets were the world's first ballistic missiles. Parts of almost 100 rockets were captured from Germany at the end of World War II and transported to the United States, where they were instrumental in initiating the post-war 'space race.' (Image courtesy Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.)

The numbers on the photograph correspond to the following locations:
1-Mexico, 2-Gulf of California,
3-Lordsburg, New Mexico, 4-Peloncillo Mountains, 5-Gila River, 6-San Carlos Reservoir, 7-Mogollon Mountains, 8-Black Range, 9-San Mateo Mountains, 10-Magdalena Mountains, 11-Mt. Taylor, 12-Albuquerque, New Mexico, 13-Sandia Mountains, 14-Valle Grande Mountains, 15-Rio Grande, 16-Sangre de Cristo Range.